

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 7, 2011

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 112th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Creation of A Low Power Radio Service (MM Docket No. 99-25) and Amendment of Service and Eligibility rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations (MB Docket No. 07-172)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As supporters of community radio, we applaud the Federal Communications Commission for taking action to implement the Local Community Radio Act, enacted earlier this year. We are eager to see thousands of new low power FM (LPFM) radio stations serving cities nationwide, including those representing the largest radio markets.

The Local Community Radio Act requires the Commission to make licensing decisions “based on the needs of the local community.” Implementation must ensure that sufficient channels are available in the most densely populated communities, those which have lacked access to new noncommercial radio for decades, as well as suburban and rural areas. We acknowledge the Commission’s hard work in designing an approach to ensure space on the dial for new low power FM (LPFM) radio stations in urban areas while still processing applications for FM translators where possible.

To make the best use of the limited FM spectrum remaining in these more populous communities, we also urge the Commission to ensure that licenses are awarded to truly local churches, non-profit organizations, local governments, and schools. These groups are ready to use local programming to serve the public, connect their communities, and enrich cultural life.

In communities where they already operate, low power FM radio stations have often served enormously important roles to educate the public about news and public affairs, to provide rapid, local response during emergencies, and to serve and enhance cultural, ethnic, and artistic diversity. We cast our vote in support of the Local Community Radio Act because we believe that many more cities and towns should have the opportunity to receive these critical benefits through their own LPFM radio stations.

We hope and trust that the Commission will move forward to serve its public interest mandate by supporting community-based LPFM radio.

Sincerely,

Mike Doyle

Ron Paul

Bob Bradley

Steve Cohen

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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn



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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Lee Terry
U.S. House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Terry:

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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
U.S. House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

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The Honorable Robert A. Brady
U.S. House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1414 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Donna M. Christensen
U.S. House of Representatives
1510 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
1029 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Clarke:

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2418 Rayburn House Office Building
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1005 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
205 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1410 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
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The Honorable Doris O. Matsui
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222 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Gerald M. "Jerry" McNerney
U.S. House of Representatives
1210 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable John W. Olver
U.S. House of Representatives
1111 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Steven R. Rothman
U.S. House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Janice D. Schakowsky
U.S. House of Representatives
2367 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Louise M. Slaughter
U.S. House of Representatives
2469 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Edolphus Towns
U.S. House of Representatives
2232 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
1404 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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